

THE MAN ON FOOT

In Stamboul He Has No Rights as Against the Horseman

One of the peculiarities in Stamboul is the insolent demeanor of the horseman to the footman. Many times daily you will see some rascal of a cabman trying to drive down a well dressed man on the street. The drivers rarely take the trouble to shout as they approach pedestrians. I was often filled with wonder at observing the meekness with which well dressed Turks on foot submitted to such treatment from shabby Turks on carriage boxes. Even when no injury was done to such a pedestrian, he was often bespattered with mud. Stamboul must be an unpleasant place in which to live. Were cabmen in our country to treat pedestrians so recklessly there would be many cases of assault and battery, and I think some mortality among the Jehus.

One day I saw a uniformed Turk picking his way across the street, using his sabre as a walking stick. A carriage suddenly dashed down on him, and its driver, after nearly running over him, hurled at him a volley of what sounded like choice Turkish abuse. The uniformed Turk retorted not. He scraped the mud off his uniform, stuck his sabre under his arm and waded ashore. In our country a man with a sabre would have used it on the driver's back. By this I do not mean that the Turks are lacking in spirit—far from it, but apparently it would seem to be the custom of the country that the man on foot, as against the man on horseback, has no rights.—"A Levantine Log Book," by Jerome Nart.

Possible Explanation

An old hen was pecking at some stray carpet tacks in the back yard.

"Now, what do you suppose that fool hen is eating those tacks for?" said Homer.

"Perhaps," rejoined his better half, "she is going to lay a carpet."

Little Willie is the apple of his father's eye, and he deserves to be. A while ago a rough-looking individual came to the house where little Willie lives, and grasped him by the collar.

"If you don't tell me where you're father keeps his money, I'll knock yer head off yer shoulders, an' arter that I'll eat yer."

"Oh, please don't do that, sir," whimpered Willie. "You'll find all the money we've got in an old vest in the kitchen."

Two minutes later a bruised and battered wreck was heaved through the front door of little Willie's dwelling place, and sat for a while in the gutter and blinked. "That kid's too smart—unnatural smart," it muttered. "Never said a word about 'is ole man bein' inside that vest.'"—Exchange.

The Little End of It

There are many stories told of the Queen of Italy's acts of kindness to her poor subjects. The following, however shows that even the good intentions of queens are not always fulfilled. Her Majesty recently noticed a pleasant faced little girl and spoke to her. There was a short conversation and the Queen asked the child what she could do in the way of needlework.

"I can knit stockings, signora," replied the girl.

"Do you know who I am?" continued the Queen.

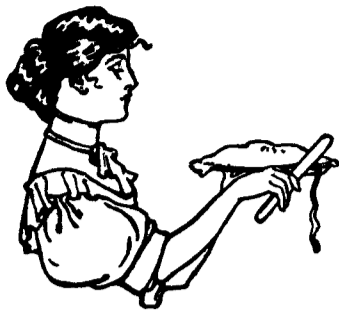
"Yes, signora, you are the Queen."

"Well then, make me a pair of stockings and send them to the palace."

A few days afterwards the articles arrived, and the Queen, in return for the gift, sent the child a beautiful pair of silk stockings, one filled with sweets, the other containing money. Next day the Queen received a letter from her little friend, as follows:

"Signora, your gift has caused me many tears. My father took the money and as my big brother took the sweets, and as for the stockings, why mother took them for herself."—Tit Bits.

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Crevices have suddenly appeared in the earth, and whole rows of houses have suffered almost irreparable damage. Dwellings have been suddenly vacated because their occupants could hear the walls groaning in the night.

The street pavements are showing signs of the earth's labor, in some spots by sunken patches, and in others by buckling up. Gaping cavities suddenly appear in people's gardens, and not long ago a horse grazing in a field was swallowed up and lost.

The unfortunate feature of this alarming state of things is that many working men who have at much self sacrifice, acquired their own houses, are having the experience of seeing their property slowly but surely crumbling to pieces.

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The vices of earth become dominant when we are deaf to the voices from heaven.

Sufficiently Represented.

"What doer your wife think of woman's suffrage?"

"Not much," answered Mr. Meeckton. "She believes that a woman who can't make at least one man vote the way she wants him to doesn't deserve to have any influence in affairs."—Ex.

A Southern cotton planter had on his plantation a little boy in buttons called "Sam." Sam one afternoon pointed to a bottle on his master's bureau and said:

"Mr. Channing, am dat hair oil?"

"Mercy, no, Sam; that's glue," said the planter.

"I guess dat's why I can't get mah cap off," said Sam, thoughtfully.

Day by day faithfully to do one's work, and to be restless for no more; without bitterness to accept obscurity for ambition; to possess all vital passions and to govern them; to stand on the world's thoroughfare, and see the young generations hurrying by; and to put into the hands of a youth, here and there, a light which will burn long after one's own personal taper is extinguished; to look back upon years already gone as not without usefulness and honor, and forward to what may remain as safe at least from failure or any form of shame, and thus for one's self to feel the humility of the part before the greatness of the whole of life and yet the privileges and duties of the individual to the race—this brings blessedness if not happiness.

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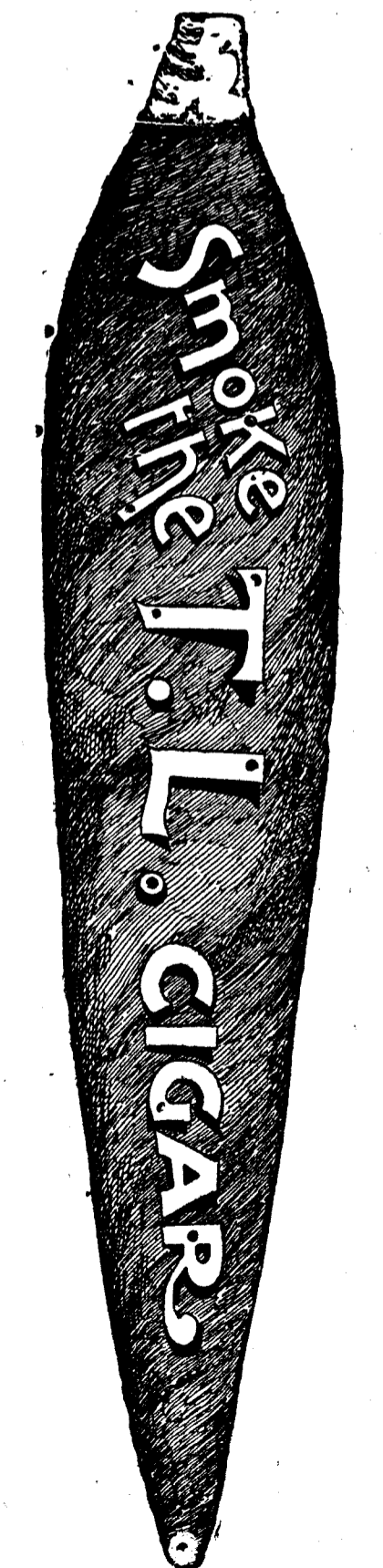
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